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In re Application of	:	
Graham R. F. Napier et al.	:	
Application No. 10/776,079	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 11, 2004	:	UNDER 37 CFR §1.184(a)(2)
Attorney Docket No.: TRDB 1007-1US	:	
For: NEGOTIATION AND FULFILLMENT OF	:	
INSURANCE CONDITIONS AND	:	
RELEASE OF GOODS FOR EXPORT	:	

This is a decision on applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.184(a)(2) filed February 11, 2004 requesting acceptance of the color drawings filed February 11, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In the petition filed February 11, 2004, requesting acceptance of the color drawings filed February 11, 2004, applicant provided three copies of the color drawings, black and white photocopies of the color drawings, and the fee set forth in 1.17(h). In addition, applicant amended the specification to state that "The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee." Finally, applicant states that the "color drawings are a practical medium by which to disclose the structure of multi-user systems and processes related to aspects of the invention."

37 CFR 1.184(a)(2) states: On rare occasions, color drawings may be necessary as the only practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter sought to be patented in a utility or design patent application or the subject matter of a statutory invention registration. The color drawings must be of sufficient quality such that all details in the drawings are reproducible in black and white in the printed patent. Color drawings are not permitted in international applications (see PCT Rule 11.13), or in an application, or copy thereof, submitted under the Office electronic filing system. The Office will accept color drawings in utility or design patent applications and statutory invention registrations only after granting a petition filed under this paragraph explaining why the color drawings are necessary. Any such petition must include the following:

- (i) The fee set forth in § 1.17(h);
- (ii) Three (3) sets of color drawings;
- (iii) An amendment to the specification to insert (unless the specification contains or has been previously amended to contain) the following language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings:

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Applicant has complied with 37 CFR 1.184(a)(2), requirements (i), (ii), and (iii). Additionally, color drawings are the only practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter sought to be patented. Therefore, the petition to accept the color drawings filed February 11, 2004 is granted.

No further action regarding this decision is required by applicant. Since an office action was mailed on January 4, 2008, applicants period for reply continues to run from that date.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Questions concerning this decision should be directed to C. Luke Gilligan at (571) 272-6770.



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